Born on September 10, 1928 Mr. James Wynne Hart has dedicated much of his life to spreading the word of God. For over thirty years, Mr. Hart served with distinction as a minister of the United Methodist Church. Having served pastorates in Vonore, Kingsport, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Tennessee, and in addition Bluefield, Virginia, Mr. Hart has been an integral part of the spiritual life of these communities.

Despite his retirement from the Ministry, Mr. Hart continues to be active in his church, the Clyde United Methodist Church in North Carolina. Currently, Mr. Hart resides in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, with his beloved wife of 51 years, Mrs. Frances Cobb Hart.

A graduate of Emory and Henry College in Abingdon, Virginia, Mr. Hart pursued and completed post-graduate studies at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to commemorate this man of conviction, principle, and God, on such a joyous occasion. I ask you to join me in congratulating Mr. James Wynne Hart on his 75th birthday, and in wishing him and his wife, many more years of happiness and accomplishment.

CONGRATULATING THE COAST GUARD HOUSE RESTAURANT AND RESTAURANT: PROV/ATOMIC CATERING FOR EARNING THE 2003 RESTAURANT NEIGHBOR AWARD

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor two restaurant operators in Rhode Island's second district that have been awarded the prestigious 2003 Restaurant Neighbor Award. The Coast Guard House Restaurant in Narragansett and Restaurant PROV/Atomic Catering in Providence were recently recognized by the National Restaurant Association for their remarkable community involvement in addition to their commitment to quality food. The current economic situation makes these generous contributions even more important, and Rhode Island restaurants and small businesses are stepping in to help. Seventy-eight restaurants from forty-three states earned the Restaurant Neighbor Award in 2003, and I am pleased that two were from my home state.

Every year, owner Deborah Kelso oversees the Coast Guard House's donations of more than \$30,000 to community causes including the Rhode Island Food Bank, South County Hospital, Sisters of the Poor, Johnnycake Center, March of Dimes, and Seniors Helping Others. The main event over the last ten years has been the restaurant's lead sponsorship of

Concerts on the Beach, the annual Rhode Island Philharmonic concert on the Narragansett Town Beach. The Coast Guard House hosts a pre-concert reception and fundraiser, which raises more than \$10,000 to help offset the cost of the event. This concert provides 30,000 families an opportunity to enjoy beautiful music in an extraordinary setting.

Restaurant: PROV and Atomic Catering, both owned by Stoli Management, are equally deserving of this recognition. Thanksgiving at Restaurant: PROV is an annual tradition for many families. Every year, 1,000 low-income individuals who might not otherwise have a meal are treated to a free Thanksgiving celebration with all of the usual fixings. In addition, employees, led by Executive Chef/co-owner Kevin Millonzi, served more than 400 meals to relief workers, volunteers, and victims' families in the wake of the deadly fire at the Station nightclub in February 2003. Stoli Management also donates time and food to Chefs for Cystic Fibrosis, the annual Zoobilee, and Providence Fire Fighters.

Kelso and Millonzi's beliefs in volunteerism and giving back the community are applicable in their own lives as well as the way they run their restaurants. The commitment to giving of these two companies is an inspirational model, and I hope more businesses around the country follow their lead and contribute to their own communities.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF JACOB E. DAVIS II

HON. SHERROD BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to the life of Jacob E. Davis II, a model of hard work, commitment, and community service, who passed away on August 29. Jacob's exemplary career began in college as a student at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. After graduating cum laude, he served four years in the U.S. Navy and another seven in the Navy Reserves. He worked for Gov. Michael DiSalle of Ohio and former U.S. House Speaker Sam Rayburn before earning his law degree in 1963 from The Ohio State University. In 1963, Jacob Davis joined the law firm of Vorvs. Sater. Seymour and Pease in Columbus, Ohio, and was appointed Partner in 1970. After seven years managing the firm's Washington office, he returned to the firm's Columbus office and to the city he considered his home.

Throughout his career, Jacob remained committed to his community and his church. He was active in the First Community Church, serving in many leadership positions, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was a

member of the Columbus Mayor's Human Rights Commission and the Franklin County Veterans Memorial Board. As Secretary of State, I appointed him to the Ohio Elections Commission in 1990, where he served admirably.

Jacob E. Davis II left an indelible mark on his community and those close to him. I extend my condolences to Sallie, his loving wife of 36 years, his family, and all those who will treasure Jacob's memory.

RECOGNITION OF WSIU/WUSI-TV

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate WSIU/WUSI-TV, the public television stations serving southern and southeastern Illinois on their switch to digital technology.

I have seen first hand the enormous challenge it is to not only commercial television stations but to public broadcasters to convert to digital programming. However, public stations are taking the lead and using digital technology for education.

Such is the case with WSIU/WUSI by sponsoring and developing these worthwhile programs: PBS Kids will offer Ready to Learn programming and afterschool specials. Chalkwaves will offer K-12 classroom instruction. Adult education will be improved. The Illinois Channel, a CSPAN-style broadcast bringing Illinois state government to the people, will become available.

I want to wish WSIU my sincere congratulations on the switch to digital this Sunday. I am sorry that I cannot join them in person but want to acknowledge their service to the people of Illinois.

Congratulations from us all to WSIU/WUSI Channels 8 and 16!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK W. BALLANCE, JR.

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

Mr. BALLANCE. Mr. Speaker, I could not be here to vote on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, as I was touring the 1st Congressional District, meeting with Federal, State, and local officials and my constituents as they recover from Hurricane Isabel. Had I been present, on rollcall vote No. 509, I would have voted "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 510, I would have voted "aye"; on rollcall vote No. 511, I would have voted "aye"; and on rollcall vote No. 512, I would have voted "aye."